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SPIRIT TO PLAY ALL HOME MATCHES AT MCGILLIVRAY OVAL

The Perth Spirit will make McGillivray Oval at the UWA Sports Park its spiritual home in this year's Buildcorp National Rugby Championship (NRC) hosting all its home matches at the central venue.

Perth will host four afternoon games across the Buildcorp NRC season, with the Spirit taking on the North Harbour Rays (Saturday, 29 August), the UC Vikings (Saturday, 12 September), Melbourne Rising (Saturday, 26 September) and the NSW Country Eagles (Sunday, 4 October).

The Spirit's first game will be a grand final re-match against Brisbane City in Brisbane on Thursday, 20 August, which will be live on Fox Sports from 5.30pm (AWST).

The Perth Spirit team will consist of Western Force players and prominent players from the Pindan Premier Grade, giving local players the opportunity to play alongside and against Super Rugby level players.

RugbyWA CEO, Mark Sinderberry said that McGillivray Oval is the perfect venue for community events.

"I think it was evident from the one NRC game last year and the two Western Force trial games earlier this year that McGillivray Oval is a fantastic venue for rugby," he said.

"We want to continue to 'fill the hill' and create that great community atmosphere at all our games this year. It's a central location, very family friendly and we really want to generate that terrific club and community feel."

Sinderberry believes that the Buildcorp NRC competition is vital to the future of Australian rugby as it now provides players with a high level of rugby all year round.

"Having a third-tier competition not only provides additional playing opportunities for our Super Rugby players, but is a chance for our aspiring local players to stand out and try pave a way to a professional rugby career.

"We saw the benefits of the Buildcorp NRC in the Force this year, with players Kane Koteka and Ross Haylett-Petty going to make their Super Rugby debuts and Ammon Matuauto, elevated into the Western Force wider training squad after a standout Buildcorp NRC season."

See the full NRC draw here: <http://www.rugby.com.au/nrc/FixturesDraw/2015FixturesResults.aspx>

2015 Perth Spirit Draw – National Rugby Championship

Round 1

Thu 20 Aug	Brisbane City v Perth Spirit	Ballymore Stadium, Brisbane	7:30pm
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Round 2

Sat 29 Aug	Perth Spirit v North Harbour Rays	McGillivray Oval, Perth	3:30pm
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Round 3

Sat 5 Sep	Sydney Stars v Perth Spirit	Leichhardt Oval, Sydney	3:00pm
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Round 4

Sat 12 Sep	Perth Spirit v UC Vikings	McGillivray Oval, Perth	3:30pm
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Round 5

Sat 19 Sep	Queensland Country v Perth Spirit	Rugby Park, Rockhampton	6:00pm
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Round 6			
Sat 26 Sep	Perth Spirit v Melbourne Rising	McGillivray Oval, Perth	3:30pm
Round 7			
Sun 4 Oct	Perth Spirit v NSW Country Eagles	McGillivray Oval, Perth	TBC
Round 8			
Sat 10 Oct	Greater Sydney Rams v Perth Spirit	Concord Oval, Sydney	3:00pm
Round 9			
BYE	Perth Spirit		

*All local time